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37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) requires a concise explanation of the relevance for each reference not in the English language. Applicants' United States representative has been informed that Applicants' foreign representative believes French Patent No. FR-A-2 740 385 to disclose a laminate intended as a decoration on a substrate, which laminate comprises at least three layers, namely an external layer C_1 containing at least one (co)polymer that is appreciably transparent and possesses a thickness greater than or equal to 300 microns; an intermediate layer C_2 comprising at least one (co)polymer selected from optionally modified (co)polyolefins and mixtures thereof; and an inner layer C_3 (intended to be disposed adjacent the substrate) which contains at last one nonwoven fibrous material. Other layers are possible and it is taught that layers C_2 and C_3 may be assembled by hot pressing with inter-penetration at their junction.

Applicants' United States representative has also been informed that Applicants' foreign representative believes French Patent FR-A-2 740 384 is directed to a laminate intended for the decoration of a substrate, which laminate comprises at least three layers, namely an external layer C_1 which comprises at least one polyamide; an intermediate layer C_2 which comprises at least one modified polyolefin; and an internal layer C_3 , intended to be disposed adjacent to the substrate, comprising at least one nonwoven fibrous material. Layers C_1 and/or C_2 may also comprise an elastomer.

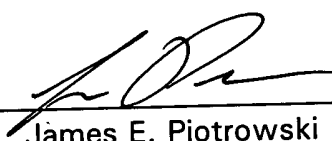
A written English language translation of the above French references is not readily available to or within the possession, custody or control of Applicants', Applicants' foreign representative, or Applicants' United States representative.

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